GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Major Minerals - Grant of Mining Lease for Limestone (CG) 181.030 Hectares (447.33 Acres) in Sy.No.139B/P, 140, 141, 142(P) & 183 of Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Nandyal District (erstwhile Kurnool District) for a period of 50 years in favour of M/s. Sree Jayajothi Cements Pvt. Ltd in accordance with Section 10B (7) of the MM (DR) Amendment Act, 1957, read with Rule 10(5) of the Minerals Auction Rules, 2015, duly condoning the delay of three years from the date of the letter of intent in execution of the lease, under Rule 10(6) of the Minerals (Auction Rules), 2015 – Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 70 Dated: 24-04-2025

Read the following:

1. Govt. Memo No.INC01-MG0MAJM/51/2019-M-III, Dated: 19.09.2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No.56, I&C (M-III) Dept, dt.07.10.2020
3. Govt.Memo.No.INC01-MG0MAJM/51/2019-M-III, dt:07.07.2021.
4. From Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology vide, Lr.No. 3873052/P/Gorlagutta/2020, Dated.12.09.2024.

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ORDER:

In the Memo 1st read above, Government accorded permission to the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Vijayawada for e-auction of Gorlagutta Limestone Blocks in Sy.No.139/P of Gorlagutta (V), Bethamcherla (M), Kurnool Dist over a total extent of 181.031 Hectares for grant of Mining Leases in terms of Sec 10 & 11 of MM (D&R) Amendment Act, 2015.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government constituted a High Power Committee to deal with the finalization of the value of the blocks, fixation of the reserve price, eligibility criteria

etc. and also the financial and other related matters involved in the e-auction.

3. In the Memo 3rd read above, Government issued Letter of Intent (LoI) in favour of M/s. Sree Jayajothi Cements (P) Ltd., the preferred bidder for Gorlagutta Limestone Block for Limesonte Mineral over an extent of 181.030 Hectares (447.33 Acres) in Sy.No.139/P, 140, 141, 142(P) & 183 of Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Nandyal District (erstwhile Kurnool District) in terms of Rule 10(2) of Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, and also that they shall be considered to be the "Successful Bidder" in accordance with the Rule 10(3) of Mineral Auction Rules, 2015.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology has stated that M/s. Sree Jayajothi Cements Pvt. Ltd., provided Performance Security deposit of Rs.12.37 Crores in the form of Bank Guarantee dt:26.12.2023 of the HDFC Bank Ltd., Banjara Hills, Hyderabad valid up to 25.12.2028, copies of the Modified Mining Plan approved by the IBM vide No. AP/KNL/MP-Lst-150/HYD, dt:05.09.2023, Environmental Clearance (EC) issued by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, A.P. dt:20.03.2024 for the quantity of Mining of Limestone for 1.2 Million TPA per Annum for a period of 20 years or the expiry date of mine lease or land lease period issued by the Govt. of A.P., whichever is earlier, Mine Development and Production Agreement (MDPA) executed with the Divisional Mines and Geology Officer, Banaganapalli on 28.03.2024 along with a copy of Challan No.81002769512024, dt:02.04.2024 for Rs.9,89,60,000/- paid towards 3rd installment of the upfront Amount, Consent to Establishment (CTE) order, dt:08.04.2024 issued by the A.P. Pollution Control Board for Mining of Limestone for 1.2 Million tons per Annum and the order is valid for a period of 07 years of expiry date of the mine lease period issued by the Govt. of A.P. whichever is earlier and all the required documents and also met all conditions specified in the Auction Rules for the grant of a Mining Lease, making them eligible for the grant of Mining Lease.

5. Further, the Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology has stated that following the announcement of the Model Code of Conduct, which governs electoral processes and

administrative actions during the election period, certain administrative functions and decision-making processes faced restrictions. These restrictions led to unforeseen administrative delays that impacted the timely processing of the file, preventing the lease from being granted on or before 08-06-2024, or within the completion of the 3-year period, i.e., 06-07-2024. These delays were beyond the control of the involved departments and contributed to the postponement of the grant order. As a result, the delay in issuing the grant order has put the letter of intent at risk of being invalidated. This could lead to the annulment of the auction process, adversely affecting both the State Government's revenue and the interests of the successful bidder.

6. The Commissioner and Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., has therefore requested the Government, for grant of Mining Lease for Limestone (CG) in the subject area in favour of M/s. Sree Jayajothi Cements Pvt. Ltd for a period of 50 years in accordance with Section 10B (7) of the MM (DR) Amendment Act, 1957, read with Rule 10(5) of the Minerals (Auction Rules), 2015, duly condoning the delay in execution of the lease.

7. Government, after careful examination of the facts and circumstances reported by the Commissioner and Director of Mines & Geology, hereby grant Mining Lease for Limestone (CG) over an extent of 181.030 Hectares (447.33 Acres) in Sy.No.139B/P, 140, 141, 142(P) & 183 of Gorlagutta Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Nandyal District (erstwhile Kurnool District) for a period of 50 years in favour of M/s. Sree Jayajothi Cements Pvt. Ltd in accordance with Section 10B (7) of the MM (DR) Amendment Act, 1957, read with Rule 10(5) of the Minerals Auction Rules, 2015, duly condoning the delay of three years from the date of the letter of intent in execution of the lease, under Rule 10(6) of the Minerals (Auction Rules), 2015 and subject to compliance with conditions outlined in the Mineral (OA&HCEM) Concession Rules, 2016, Metalliferous Regulations, 1961, Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, E.C., CTE, CTO, and the Forest Clearances, if any and also instructions and guidelines issued by the GoI and State Government from time to time.

8. The Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology, AP., shall take necessary action accordingly, after satisfying himself

that the grantee fulfils all the required terms and conditions as stipulated in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PRAVIN KUMAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

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The Regional Controller of Mines, IBM, Kavadiguda, Secunderabad.
The OSD to Minister (M&G)
The P.S to the Secretary to Govt (Mines), A.P.Secretariat.
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